

RUSSIANS CHANGE PATH OF RIVER.

This is the River Terek near the village of Pavlopodolok, which is miles away before you can even pronounce it. Thousands of tons of rock keep it in its bed - but the Russians want to change its course, so thousands of tons of rock have just got to go!

Moving rivers around is quite a hobby of the Russians' these days. Their growing industrial towns need a lot of food - and one way to more food is more irrigation, bringing into use more and more of Russia's vast land reserves. The collective farms are collectively enthusiastic about this particular scheme, for in its new bed, the Terek will irrigate seven and a half million acres of the North Caucasus.